

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2416. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals and replace it with an alternative tax individuals may choose.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4082. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4083. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-235–2007-264); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4084. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to the United Kingdom to support the maintenance, repair and modification services for the C-130J and C-130K Aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4085. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing agreement relative to the export of defense services to Russia for the RD-180 Liquid Propellant Rocket Engine Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4086. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense services to Saudi Arabia for the operation and maintenance of the Saudi Air Defense Forces HAWK and PATRIOT Air Defense Missile Systems; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4087. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement involving the export of technical data to France for the initial development and subsequent manufacture of Complimentary Metal Oxide Semiconductor Application Specific Integrated Circuits; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4088. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Israel for the manufacture of certain Alternate Mission Equipment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4089. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of two commercial communications satellites to international waters for launch under the Sea Launch program or to Russia and Kazakhstan for launch; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4090. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles relative to a commercial communications satellite; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4091. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition that was filed on behalf of workers from the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation in Apollo, Pennsylvania, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4092. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Reporting and Disclosure" (RIN1210-AB06) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4093. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applications for Food and Drug Administration Application Approval to Market a New Drug; Revision of Postmarketing Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. 2000N-1545) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4094. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; General Hospital and Personal Use Devices; Classification of Remote Medication Management System" (Docket No. 2007N-0328) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4095. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, nomination, and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4096. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary, received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4097. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4098. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4099. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual financial report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4100. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4101. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4102. A communication from the Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4103. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4104. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4105. A communication from the Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4106. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-21" (FAC 2005-21) received on November 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4107. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4108. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the eight audit reports issued during fiscal year 2007 relative to the Agency and the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4109. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4110. A communication from the Director, Center for Pay and Leave Administration, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recruitment, Relocation, and Retention Incentives" (RIN3206-AK81) received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4111. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4112. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4113. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve

System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Board's Inspector General for the six-month period ending September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4114. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government—Fiscal Year 2006"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4115. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4116. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Commission's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4117. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4118. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Service's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4119. A communication from the Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4120. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, an alternative plan for locality pay increases payable to civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4121. A communication from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4122. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, received on November 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4123. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of General Counsel, received on November 16, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4124. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a change in previously submitted reported information and discontinuation of service in an acting role for the position of United States Attorney, received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4125. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized

Persons Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4126. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Duties of Former VA Board of Contract Appeals" (RIN2900-AM73) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 704. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information (Rept. No. 110-234).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 1178. A bill to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft (Rept. No. 110-235).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1780. A bill to require the FCC, in enforcing its regulations concerning the broadcast of indecent programming, to maintain a policy that a single word or image may be considered indecent (Rept. No. 110-236).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1858. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs to provide for education and outreach on newborn screening and coordinated followup care once newborn screening has been conducted, to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act, and for other purposes.

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2045. A bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 2408. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require physician utilization of the Medicare electronic prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 2409. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto "In God We Trust" are each displayed prominently in the Capitol Visitor Center on a permanent basis and to prohibit the Architect from removing or refusing to include lan-

guage or other content from exhibits and materials relating to the Capitol Visitor Center on the grounds that the language or content includes a religious reference or Judeo-Christian content; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. SUNUNU):

S. 2410. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to either grant or deny a Petition for Reconsideration within 1 year after such Petition is first submitted; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2411. A bill to require the establishment of a credit card safety star rating system for the benefit of consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 2412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the system of public financing for Presidential elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2413. A bill to provide death and disability benefits for aerial firefighters who work on a contract basis for a public agency and suffer death or disability in the line of duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. COBURN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORKER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 2414. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require wealthy beneficiaries to pay a greater share of their premiums under the Medicare prescription drug program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2415. A bill to require the President and the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator to establish a comprehensive and integrated HIV prevention strategy to address the vulnerabilities of women and girls in countries for which the United States provides assistance to combat HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEMINT:

S. 2416. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals and replace it with an alternative tax individuals may choose; read the first time.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. BYRD):

S. 2417. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the inscription "In God We Trust" to appear on a face of the \$1 coins honoring each of the Presidents of the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2418. A bill to ensure the safety of imported food products for the citizens of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. BIDEN):